

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to because Figures 8 through 10 are not designated by a legend such as --PRIOR ART--.

In response, Applicants advise that although the structures shown in Figures 8 through 10 was of a type considered by them, they are not aware of such structure being disclosed in any prior art document *per se*. Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's requirement to label Figures 8 through 10 as --PRIOR ART--.

Title

The title has been objected to as not being descriptive. In response, a new title, which is more clearly indicative of the claimed invention, is presented herein for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because of the inclusion of legal phraseology. In response, a new Abstract has been provided for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Specification

The specification has been amended to place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claims 1 through 13 remain pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, and 5 have been amended to even more succinctly define the invention and/or to improve their form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 1 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 4, 6, and 7 are objected to for the reasons set forth in the Official Action.

In response, Claims 1 and 4 have been amended *inter alia* to overcome the grounds of the objections, to improve its form, and/or to more succinctly define the invention.

Regarding Claims 6 and 7, the Examiner found such to be grammatically awkward for the reasons set forth in the Official Action. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to Claim 1 cure any grammatical defects in Claims 6 and 7. Amended Claim 1 now recites in part “when a said second one of developer carrying means is not rotating.” Claims 6 and 7 define aspects of the invention wherein the second developer carrying means starts to rotate. Accordingly, Claims 6 and 7 have not been amended.

It is respectfully submitted that the objections have been overcome and that no new matter has been presented.

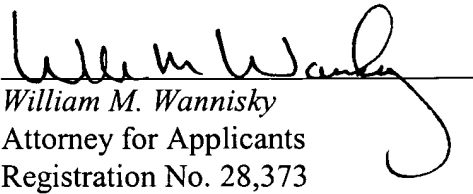
Closing Comments

No art rejections are lodged against the pending claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims on file are allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

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